Principal's Message
Hello everyone. Let me offer the warmest of welcomes for the 2011 school year. I pray that this will be a wonderfully productive year for the College and its students and a joyous one for all our College families.

The construction of our new facilities is nearly completed, having been delayed because of rain in November and December, the Queensland floods (our lifts were manufactured in Queensland) and issues regarding electrical connections (a sub-station was deemed necessary). The building on the main campus is expected to be operational around the middle of this term, with the Hall expected to be in use from Term 2. These facilities will dramatically enhance the College when completed and will allow the College to expand our subject offerings in the years to come. In the meantime, however, there continues to be some serious inconvenience, most notably the loss of playground space and the use of temporary classrooms for the high school students. Accordingly, the car parking areas will remain out of use, while construction is finalised. This will allow the students to use these areas as recreational space. Morning and afternoon drop-off and pick-up arrangements carry over from the end of last year. I thank you for your cooperation and assistance and ask that we collectively maintain our vigilance to ensure the safety of our children.

During the coming weeks we may well ask for assistance in moving in to the new buildings. Anyone who is able to help will be much appreciated. Watch this space! The P and F are looking to increase their involvement this year. If you are able to assist, please become involved. We thank the many parents and friends of the College who have given so much of their time and talents to help in so many areas. This is your school. Your involvement sends an important message to your children about the worth of their education.

Our first Year 12 cohort, consisting of 14 students, completed their HSC examinations in 2010, with many pleasing results, ranking in the top 200 at our first attempt – once they managed to add us to the list! While the College has access to the student’s HSC results, we are not privy to theirATAR or university offers, unless they choose to share them with us. To the best of my knowledge these are some of the students’ future directions. Andrew Baky was our best performed student, with an ATAR of 92. Andrew will be studying a combined Engineering/Economics degree at UNSW. Mark Gabriel also achieved top band status in Extension 1 Mathematics and will be completing a Science degree at the University of Sydney. Matthew Eskander and Mina Gibryal will be studying Medical Science at UWS, Arsani Mikhail will be studying Engineering at UTS, Mark Saad is looking to study engineering and is awaiting second round offers before choosing his university, Andrew Mikaheal is studying Science and Education at UNSW, Mary Girgis is studying Arts at Macquarie, while Silvia Habib and Nevine Dimitri will be studying Engineering (university not specified). Mina Sargious and Mariana Wasif are both undertaking studies through TAFE. We are still trying to ascertain the intentions of the remaining students. The College is very proud of our students’ achievements.

A number of Year 10 and 11 students completed HSC studies. Anthony Bekhit completed HSC studies in Mathematics and Mathematics Extension 1 last year, while still in Year 11, achieving top band results in both subjects. Mark Gerges completed HSC studies in Mathematics and Mathematics Extension 1 last year, while still in Year 10, achieving top band results in both subjects. Ibram Saleeb of Year 11 achieved a top band result in Biology. We congratulate them on their success. We are quietly confident that the new Year 12 will perform creditably in 2011 and be rewarded for the hard work that we know they will bring to bear.

Our School Certificate results for Year 10 were also impressive in English, Mathematics, Science and Computing and improved for Geography and History. I congratulate the students and their teachers on their efforts and results. We are still fighting community attitudes that suggest to our students that studies in the humanities are not as important as English, Mathematics and Science. We must change this attitude within our community. All subjects are important. The skill sets acquired from the serious study of a wide variety of subjects best equips students to be able to cope with a rapidly changing world, where the ability to acquire new knowledge quickly will give them a competitive edge in the workplace. Also, it is important to develop the desire to do one’s best at all times – remember the parable of the talents. You will never regret having done your best!
We welcome two new permanent members of staff to the secondary school. Mr. Gregory Virtue joins the College to teach English and brings a wealth of experience to the role. Miss Olivia Yacoub will be teaching Visual Art and HSIE and, as a student of a Coptic school, has a tremendous understanding of the needs of our students. I know that they will enjoy strong support from our College community.

That is my wish for all of our students this year – that they do their best in all that they attempt. I look forward to celebrating the many successes that we will collectively achieve this year as we work together.

We are in a position that now allows us to expand in numbers. This expansion can allow us to split our larger classes and provide more specific assistance and procure better resources for our children. If you are happy with the College tell your family and friends; if you are not happy tell us, so that we can respond to your concerns. If we work together, we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

As always, your families are in my prayers. I pray that God continues to bless our College community.

Rob Stephenson
Principal

IMPORTANT!!!

Due to many students having allergic reactions to nuts, we ask that nuts, muesli bars, nutella and peanut butter not be brought to school under any circumstances. This is to ensure the safety of the students at the college. We appreciate your understanding in this crucial matter.

TREAT ROSTER

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all food is made with quality ingredients and is freshly prepared on the day

Dear parents/guardians and staff:
The roster above has been put together to inform you in advance of this term's treat selection. Please place a copy in a safe place for your future reference. Also students will be reminded daily during their morning assembly.

Cost is still the Same at $3.00 and orders must be given to the class teacher by Thursday of the week prior to the treat date, (for example: for the Monday 07/02/2011 treat, money must be in by Thursday 03/02/2011). To order the treat please place $3.00 (exact money) in a brown paper lunch bag with the following information clearly printed on it:
Full Name
Class
Extra Options if required (e.g. tomato sauce)
CAPTAINS AND PREFECTS

Congratulations to our 2011 Primary school Captains Bishoy Boulos and Elaria Hanna. We also congratulate our Primary school prefects Hani Jamous, Angela Sidaros, Mardeen Mikhail and Michael Daoud. We wish them the best of luck and greatly appreciate the responsibilities they will take on this year.

UNIFORMS

It is always lovely to see our children dressed beautifully in the school uniform and representing the school in such a positive manner. Please ensure that students are wearing the correct uniform at all times including the right socks, shoes and the correct colour hair elastics for girls. The children are representing the school but they are also learning how to care for their appearance. Please make sure that all hats, jumpers and jackets are clearly marked with your child's name so it can be returned if it is found. The uniform shop is open on Thursdays between 2:30pm-3:00pm as well as Saturdays between 7:00pm-8:00pm.

2011 WINTER DRAMA FESTIVAL

The annual Winter Drama Festival is beginning for 2011. Auditions were on Friday of week one. We are now getting underway with rehearsals. One of the key ways you can support our show is through fundraising and helping to sew costumes. If you know how to sew and would like to help, please let Mrs Kelly know. Also we are looking for an empty refrigerator box and an empty washing machine box. Maybe you or someone you know has just purchased these items and has the boxes still in their house. We would like to use the cardboard boxes for our show, once again, let Mrs Kelly know if you have these boxes for us to use.

Keep watching this space for further Winter Drama Festival notices and thankyou for your support.

Mrs Kelly, Mr Oen and Mr Stoneburner

PARENT TIP

The first tip this year is to allow the students to be independent. There are of course many ways of doing this, however the first way is to have your children carry there own bags to and from school as well as having them put their own bags in their class lines. This allows your children to be more organised, independent and have a sense of responsibility. In addition to this, ask your child to pack their bags before they go to sleep so it is ready in the morning.

SCHOOL DISMISSAL TIME

Kindergarten will be dismissed at 2:30pm for week 1 and 2 ONLY. As of week 3, students will be dismissed at 3:00pm.

Years 2 through to 6 are dismissed at 3:00pm and parents may pick up their children from the undercover area. Kindergarten and Year 1 will be dismissed from their classrooms however, any child remaining after 3:10pm will be sent to the undercover area. Names of students who are left after this time will be given to the college director, Father Botros.

The High School students will be dismissed at 3:15pm as normal.
HEALTHY FOOD

Healthy eating is extremely important, especially for children. To assist in this matter, the school requests that noodles and soft drinks not be brought to school. This is promoting healthy eating and we encourage students to bring other food such as, fruit, carrot/celery sticks etc… It is important that students stay hydrated so we also encourage students to bring water bottles to school. Remember, a healthy body is a healthy mind.

PARENTS

Please note: Parents and children are NOT permitted to enter classrooms without a teacher present.

CONSTRUCTION

As you have noticed, there are buildings being constructed on the site. Please note that you need to park on Methven Street and not on school grounds during school hours. The reason for this involves the safety of the children and also because there are trucks driving through this area. We thank you for your cooperation.

KIDS CORNER

Sudoku

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*Hint: Each of the four smaller squares must have one of each of the numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4*

Joke

What game does a shark like to play?

SWALLOW THE LEADER

WELCOME TO ST BISHOY

Welcome to all the new students that have joined us at St Bishoy including the new Kindergarten students. We all wish you the very best this year 😊

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

If you have any questions or concerns, please notify your classroom teacher by writing in the diary or make an appointment through the diary as teacher’s often have meetings and other commitments after school. Please do not approach the classroom teacher straight after school without an appointment as they have a duty of care to their students. Thank you for your cooperation.